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Atty. Docket No. 14994

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of VANSTAAN ET AL. )  
 ) Examiner: DURAND, PAUL R.  
Appl. No. 10/827551 )  
 ) Art Unit: 3721  
Filed: 04/19/2004 )  
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For: IN-CAN FUEL CELL METERING VALVE

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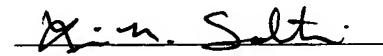
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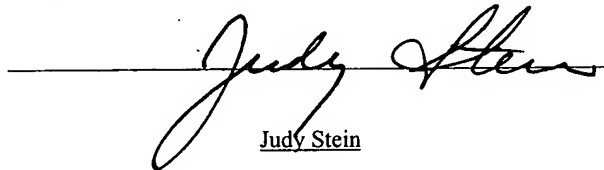
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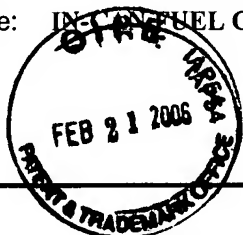
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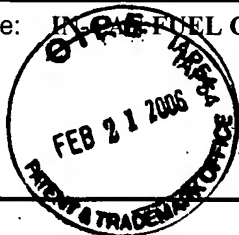
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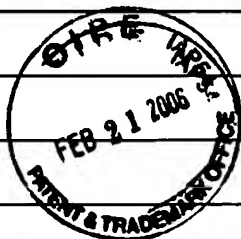
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